

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:538
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EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Report of Consortium on National Consensus for Emergency Contraception has been released;
- (b) if so, the main recommendations of the report;
- (c) the time by which the emergency contraception pills are likely to be available in the market;
- (d) whether these pills will be inducted in the national family welfare programmes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

- (a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 538 FOR 29.8.2001

- (a) Yes, Sir. The report of Consortium on National Consensus for Emergency Contraception has been released.
- (b) The main recommendations of the Consensus are :
- (1) The Emergency Contraceptive Pills should be made available as soon as possible in a 2-pill pack, each tablet containing 0.75 mg Levonorgestrel.
 - (2) The product should be available to cover all sections of society through the existing family planning outlets as well as on prescription.
 - (3) There should be focused mass media public awareness campaigns through T.V., Radio, Newspapers as well as having a 'Telephone Hotline'.
 - (4) Training should be provided to all family planning providers including Gynaecologists, general practitioners, Medical Officers, Midwives, ANMs etc.
 - (5) Guidelines for service delivery providers should be prepared under technical supervision .
 - (6) A National Monitoring Cell should be created.
- (c) The Emergency Contraceptive Pills will be made available only after approval for manufacturers and marketing which is under the process of approval.
- (d) & (e) An Action Group has been constituted to work out modalities of introduction of emergency contraceptive pills in the National Family Welfare Programme. The Group has, amongst its members gynaecologists, public health specialists, trainers, manufacturers of contraceptive pills, IEC experts and women activists.